

Water Transportation Advisory Board  
December 2, 2010 Meeting Minutes

The initial meeting of the Water Transportation Advisory Board was called to order at 1:03pm on December 2, 2010, at the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet Conference Center in Frankfort, KY. The board members in attendance were: Norb Whitlock, Ken Canter, Jay Hunt, Ken Lanham, Nickie Smith, Greg Pritchett, and Steve Alley. Also in attendance were: Lynn Soporowski, Russell Casey, Mike Hancock, Geri Grigsby, Jeremy Edgeworth, Keith Damron, Sarah McCormick, Joe Crabtree, Ted Grossardt, Paul Glasser, Rebecca Goodman, Shawn Dikeson, Stan Lampe, Sarah Devacher, Michelle Alley, and Larry McFall. The meeting was conducted by Michael Hancock, Secretary of the Kentucky Transportation Cabinet. The meeting began with an introduction by all board members and all other attendees.

Secretary Hancock then opened up the floor for a public comment period. No comments were offered.

Secretary Hancock then reviewed the mission of the Water Transportation Advisory Board as stated in KRS 174.205. There were comments made about how riverports work for the collective benefit of the state and serve as economic development generators. There was a lengthy discussion of how the definitions of riverports was applied, did it mean just the public ports or were private ports included as well? It was determined that the KYTC Office of Legal Services would investigate and identify the legislative intent.

Secretary Hancock then turned the meeting over to Rebecca Goodman, Executive Director of the Office of Legal Services for board training on open records/open meetings laws. A copy of the Kentucky Open Records/Open Meeting laws was provided to all board members and it was noted that the handout would also be put on the Water Transportation Advisory Board website for reference. During the training it was suggested that the Water Transportation Advisory Board needed to adopt bylaws that would set the format and schedule for future meetings, how election of officers is handled, and how committees are formed. **Open Records/Open Meeting training was completed for all board members.**

Secretary Hancock then gave the KYTC comments. He indicated he appreciated the willingness of the members to serve on the board and that the formation of the board was important and timely in light of the Panama Canal expansion. He stated that transportation needs to prepare for a paradigm shift as it finds the balance between highway, rail, and water movement of freight. Jeremy Edgeworth, who was identified as the Water Transportation Advisory Board staff support for KYTC, shared a PowerPoint that was given to the Kentucky Legislature's Interim Joint Committee on Transportation Subcommittee on Kentucky Waterways September 7, 2010. The PowerPoint outlined the involvement the Transportation Cabinet has with the Waterways.

Secretary Hancock then turned the floor over to Russell Casey with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development for their comments. He stated that Economic Development is happy to be involved with the board and reported on the Certified River Site study that Economic Development is partnering with the Corp of Engineers and KYCT to conduct.

Secretary Hancock stated KRS 174.200 requires the election of a Chair and Vice Chair. He opened the floor for nominations for chair. Ken Canter nominated Greg Pritchett for Chair, second by Steve Alley. Nickie Smith made a motion that the nominations cease, seconded by Steve Alley. Secretary Hancock then asked for a vote by the Board on ending the nominations. 7 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstaining. To the nomination of Greg Pritchett for Chair, the Secretary asked for a vote, 7 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstaining. **Greg**

**Pritchett was unanimously elected Chair.** The Secretary turned the floor over to the Chair to conduct the election of the Vice Chair and the remainder of the meeting. Steve Alley nominated Ken Canter, seconded by Nickie Smith. Jay Hunt made a motion that the nominations cease, seconded by Nickie Smith. The Chair then asked for a vote by the Board on ending the nominations. 7 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstaining. To the nomination of Ken Canter for Vice Chair, the Chair asked for a vote, 7 Yea, 0 Nay, 0 Abstaining. **Ken Canter was unanimously elected Vice Chair.**

The date for the next meeting was set for **Friday, January 21, 2011** in Lexington, Kentucky after the Kentuckians for Better Transportation conference.

The meeting was adjourned by the Chair at 2:25pm.

After a short break the board reconvened for mandatory ethics training. Ann D'Angelo with the KYTC Office of Legal Services conducted the **Kentucky Ethics Training for all board members.**

Submitted:

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